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In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was mostly in a range of moderate to good. Supplies were fully adequate to instances ample. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to available for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair to at times fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

<u>MIDWEST REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

Range	Mostly
66-75	69-72
65-74	67-70
42-51	44-47
	65-74

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to			
producers.	Range	Mostly	
LARGE	47-56	51	
MEDIUM	24-30	28	
SMALL	7-11		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as mostly normal. Spent hens were at least adequate for the moderate to at times fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported

as regular for the upcoming week.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME,	NH, Eastern NJ, E	astern NY, PA,
RI Northern VA and VT		

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand moderate to very good where features were a driving factor. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75.5-84	77-80
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	49.5-58	51-54
SOLITH CENTRAL AREA: AR AZ CO KS LA MO NIMA	OK and TY	

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all weights. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for a moderate to light demand. Breaking schedules were noted as mostly normal. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the moderate to at times fairly good demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

demand.	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	76-79
LARGE	73-80	74-77
MEDIUM	47.25-55	48-52
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC,	, SC, Eastern TN, and S	outhern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channes was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies were fully sufficient for needs.

RANGE

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EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	56-60

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	74-76
LARGE	71-79	72-74
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week throughout the region unchanged. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample and discounted.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings and supplies ample with discounting increased at all levels of trading. Small benchmark price 69.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	112
MEDIUM	89

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS

 PER DOZEN.
 RANGE

 JUMBO
 103-111

 EXTRA LARGE
 101-105

 LARGE
 99-102

 MEDIUM
 76-79

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER

DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	268-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	189-239

<u>CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK</u> All prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were adequate to available. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY 34-35 34

BREAKING STOCK 34-35 34 CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 20-24 20-22

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady, but traders were somewhat cautious and closely watching further market developments. Demand was moderate to light. Offerings were reported as about adequate, but slightly more available. Next week's breaking schedules were reported as mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Mar-2006 were 2% more than the previous week, but 6% less than last year.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

BREAKING STOCK 26-31 27-30 CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 14-21 15-18 EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ,

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 25-Mar-2006

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

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	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	<b>BROKEN</b>	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,239,494	31,356	11,055	5,975	2,220	4,254
PW	1,202,933	30,660	10,727	5,818	2,325	4,029
LY	1,278,298	29,793	12,772	7,075	2,919	4,355
% PW	3%	2%	3%	3%	-5%	6%
% LY	-3%	5%	-13%	-16%	-24%	-2%
2006	15,175,520	373,676	141,643	77,537	34,986	51,801
2005	14,959,763	358,491	145,237	77,728	33,270	52,524
% YTC	1%	4%	-2%	0%	5%	-1%
					CW PV	V LY
Avera	ge Yield Per C	Case - (Ine	dible Includ	ded) 42	2.47 42.5	9 42.24

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.04 39.24 38.83

	Cases Broken		Liqu	id whole
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	583,676	47.1%	17,112	54.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	585,507	48.7%	16,632	54.2%
LAST YEAR	522,833	40.9%	13,324	44.7%

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN</u> Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on sugar yolks, and 2 cents lower on salt yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/25 was 5% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb.

containers)	LIL (IVIIIN. 23 COINT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	47-51
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58

<u>CENTRAL REGION FROZEN</u> Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites 1 cent higher. Salted yolk ranged 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was usually steady for whole egg and whites and cautiously steady to weak for sugared and salted yolk. Demand was light to moderate for whole egg and whites and quiet for frozen yolk products. Offerings were easily adequate with freezer inventories balanced to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-43	42-43
WHITES	40-46	40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-52	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on sugar yolks, unchanged to slightly higher on whole and whites, and values generally trended lower on salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment was at best barely steady on yolks, balance of other items were mostly steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Mar-2006 were 12 % less than last week, and 4 % lower than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) TRUCKLOTS RANGE MOSTLY **RANGE** WHOLE 36-46 37-43 47-52 BLENDS (/) **TFEWR** 52-75 WHITES 36-46 37-42 45-58 48-56 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 52-56 59-68 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 48-52 54-66 (/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on albumen, balance of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was at best about steady on yolks, steady on whole and usually steady to fully steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Mar-2006 were 5% less than the previous week, and 24% lower than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE
1.32-1.58 MOSTLY 1.39-1.45

YOLKS
1.21-1.50 MOSTLY 1.30-1.40

ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED
2.60-2.95 MOSTLY 2.75-2.90

BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) 1.25-1.40 MOSTLY 1.25-1.35

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 33 to 34 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 37.5 to 38 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, mostly steady to instances fully steady for whites, and barely steady to weak for yolk. Offerings were adequate to just adequate for whole egg, adequate although confidently held for whites, and fully adequate for yolk. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg, good for whites, and light to moderate for yolk. Liquid whole egg orders for next week were reported as strengthening. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS L		,	WTD. AVG.	<b>CHANGE FROM LW</b>
WHOLE	29	24-28	26.35	35
WHITES	18	31-32	31.50	.26
YOLKS	9	33.5-35.5	34.39	03

CURRENT LOADS 71.00 FUTURE LOADS 90.25 TOTAL LOADS 161.25															
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	51.00	60.00	51.83	53.25	56.00	_	25.00	GNR W 1	_	62.00		72.00	_		8.00
GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	40.00	2.00	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W J	_	_	66.50	68.00	48.67	_	4.50	GL W J	52.00	_	55.00	_	_	63.63	7.25
GL W XL		_	58.44	61.82	45.50	47.83	33.75	GL W XL	47.00	52.00	_		_	56.32	8.50
GL W LG	_	68.00	58.50	64.50	48.98	49.00	32.25	GL W LG	54.00	53.33	_	74.71	_	65.88	29.00
GL W MD	44.00	_	36.50	37.50	31.44	_	19.75	GL W MD	33.75	_	36.00	44.43	_	42.15	16.50
GL W SM	25.00	28.00	23.77	25.95	_	_	6.25	GL W SM	_	_	_	_	21.00	25.00	1.00
GL BR LG	_	_	_	_	57.75	_	1.75	GL BR LG	_	_	_	72.00	_	49.00	1.75
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	34.00	35.52	81.00	NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	_	_	20.00
NRBS - 45		_	_	_	_	33.67	7.00								
NRBS - 42	_	_	_	_	_	36.25	5.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

5.00

32.00

### LIGHT TYPE HENS

NRBS - 36

CENTS PER HEAD. GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate toinstances fairly good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY** REMOVAL COST 3-12 9-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged higher. Demand was light with offerings adequate. Schedules reduced. **RANGE MAJORITY** Trade sentiment steady. 4-11 REMOVAL COST

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

### SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

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REGIONS	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	77.00	75.00	50.00	
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	50.00	
MIDWEST	70.50	68.50	45.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	78.50	77.50	52.50	
COMBINED REGIONA	L 75.98	74.25	49.62	

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully sufficent for the light and unaggressive demand; at least adequate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was slow to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS) (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT 18-28 MAJORITY 23-24

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

# LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-Mar-06 U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS —THOUSANDS—	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,082	11003AND3 1,562	2,644
Last Week	1,001	1,441	2,442
Same week yr ago	1,711	1,356	3,067
To-date/2006	14,597	17,219	31,816
To-date/2005	17,631	15,677	33,308

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	<b>HEAVY HENS</b>	<b>TOTAL HENS</b>
		THOUSANDS-	
Head	144	0	144
Last Week	249	0	249
Same week yr ago	110	0	110
To-date/2006	3,013	7	3,020
To-date/2005	3,460	11	3,471

## TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
		—THOUSANDS—	
Head	1,226	1,562	2,788
Last Week	1,250	1,441	2,691
Same week yr ago	1,821	1,356	3,177
To-date/2006	17,610	17,226	34,836
To-date/2005	21.091	15.688	36.779

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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# Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending	March 18, 200	Year-To	-Date	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	156	311	2,087	2,850
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	26	0	146	61

311

2,273

2.911

## U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

182

Week Ending M	1arch 18, 200	Year-To	-Date	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	97	77	638	2,183
Frozen	12	3	201	258
Dried	0	0	41	300
Total	109	80	880	2,741
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Inspected Shell Eggs

Total

## U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending N	March 18, 20	Year-	To-Date	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	33	150	66
Extra Large	2,070	2,220	12,480	50,420
Large	2,050	18,300	15,155	129,084
Medium	2,070	2,250	14,975	13,275
Ungraded	4,560	2,220	8,510	4,712
Misc	0	780	810	3,793
Total	10,750	25,803	52,080	201,350

<sup>1/</sup> Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT W/E 25-MAR-2006 CASES		(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM		
REGIONS (IN	I THOUS)	PW	LY	
North Atlantic	217.9	2	1	
East North Central	630.5	2	1	
West North Central	290.1	-1	-1	
South Atlantic	197.1	0	-7	
South Central	62.8	-3	-10	
West	186.4	-5	-27	
Total	1584.8	0	-5	
Matched Plants repor	rting	84	84	

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE) East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK) West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

<b>MOVEMENT OF EGG</b>	W/E 25-MAR-2006				
Selected	CW	CW LW		PERCENT CHANGE	
<b>Consuming Centers</b>	(7	Γhousands)	LW	LY	
Atlanta	25.8	27.3	-5	-34	
Boston	3.0	3.2	-6	-6	
Chicago	90.4	82.2	10	-11	
Detroit	24.7	19.3	28	-23	
Kansas City	4.6	3.8	21	-19	
Los Angeles	113.3	113.2	0	-17	
New Orleans	5.6	5.5	2	-36	
New York	32.4	33.7	-4	-9	
St. Louis	18.4	13.6	35	7	
San Francisco	18.2	18.7	-3	-39	
Total	336.4	320.5	5	-18	
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.2				

<u>COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

				Processed other
	Fi	ozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	03/27/06	3,363	79,377	63,293
AM	03/01/06	3,338	69,688	69,000
CHG		25	9689	-5707
PCT (	CHG	1%	14%	-8%

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.  EXTRA LARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL					
MAINE MOSTLY	111	108	70	50	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	104-108	101-105	63-67	43-47	
MOSTLY	106-107	103-104	65-66	45-46	
RHODE ISLAND	110-114	107-111	69-73	49-53	
MOSTLY	110	107	69	49	
VERMONT	111	108-109	70-75	-	
MOSTLY	-	108	70		

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